

My dear Dr. Moffett:

Without waiting to send the fall letter about the actions on the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Mission I hasten this morning to get a letter to you about the antedated furloughs on pp. 30-31 of the Minutes. At the first meeting of the Foreign Council after the arrival of the printed Minutes I brought up everything that required action. I had not realized until Mr. Genso's letter to Mr. Carter came that anything might be waiting on a decision regarding the antedated furloughs. Yesterday, immediately upon an action of the Council I cabled Mr. Genso as follows:

"ANEPVIPEKM ANTEDATED NEPUYSKINC NOKAYNOKEP LYAFFSHOFS AWLELOABOD. Translation: Board does not approve recommendation of the (____) Mission (regarding) furloughs antedated Minutes pages 30-31. Await letter. All the others approved. (signed) C.B. McAfee."

It is always exceedingly unpleasant to the Foreign Council to take a position contrary to the mind of the Mission because we are all in the same work and none of us wants to appear wiser than others. The grouping of these antedated furloughs calls for an antedating of 28 months - more than two years of total service on the field and while theoretically the antedating of the departure from the fields involves also an antedating of return, yet our experience is, I think you will find it that of the field force, that an antedating of a furlough is very apt to involve a post-dating of return. We hesitate to approve such a sweeping action as is involved in antedating eleven furloughs in one season from one Mission. Requests of a very much less sweeping sort were before the Foreign Council at the same time, though nothing so notable as this.

I read to the Council your explanatory note of November 20, but it was felt that the explanations were not quite sufficient. For example, it was not very satisfactory to speak "of an arrangement in Pyengyang Station which antedates some furloughs and postpones others" when this calls for an antedating of five months for two workers. The Manual rule in Art. 82(a) specifies that any adjustment for seasons "the term of service shall not be shortened and the furlough will not be lengthened except as specifically stated elsewhere." The reasons affecting the antedating of Mrs. Sharrocks' furlough seemed to the Council quite adequate and if the Mission desires this it will be granted without difficulty. We have felt also that no ordinary rules ought to apply just now to the case of Jr. Bruen in view of the experiences through which he has passed in which all of us have shared. In view of Miss Delmarter's school duties we can understand the desire to have her six months' furlough changed so that she can be on the field again in March. We do not know anything of the plans of Dr. and Mrs. Smith "to spend part of the time in Europe for study." It would seem that the summer would be a quite suitable time for medical work and it would hardly affect his work in Europe to be there just at one time rather than another since he could not take a real course of study in six months furlough.

All this is written with great hesitation. We are exceedingly anxious that we do not give

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even the semblance of authoritative control over a body of such people as are involved in this list. The only ground we have for it is the concern we have for the steady continuance of a work in which it seems important for all of us to catch step and march together. The Manual is not to be our chain but it ought to be a connecting link among all of us.

If the necessities of Mr. Genso's office, in securing accommodations for those who are coming make it impossible for us to receive word from you again by mail please do not hesitate to cable regarding any of these cases on which the Executive Committee will feel it must insist. I am sorry there has been any delay, but I did not feel like presenting these matters to the Council until we could have the printed minutes and these did not arrive until December 18. In my cable to Mr. Genso I indicated that the regular furloughs were all approved and you will realize that as a matter of course that since Mr. Harold Henderson had been made a delegate to the Decennial Conference that his furlough was antedated two months to enable him to reach the Conference at its opening on June 20.

I will be sending you in a few days the actions of the Board regarding other items in the Minutes of your annual meeting which have been thoroughly enjoyed here in the office.

Heartily yours,

Cleland B. McAfee

(copy to Mr. Genso)

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Pyongyang, Korea

January 9, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Friends:

We should be glad were it possible to gather you all with us again that you might take part in the station activities. We miss you greatly and we need others to take your places in the care of the many phases of work which call so loudly for attention and oversight. We trust you are praying for us and especially that the Lord will send forth laborers into the harvest. Also we trust you are looking for some who may meet our needs.

The greatest need just now is for a nurse to take Miss Reist's (Mrs. Wm. Baird Jr.) place in the hospital. It is now two years since this vacancy occurred and still there is no one in sight to fill it. We have tried for Lizette and Anna Miller, Mary Swallen and Theo Sharrocks but not one seems to be available. We need a nurse more than ever now that our new "J. Hunter Wells Memorial Dispensary" has been built. This is our Presbyterian contribution to the Union Hospital plant which adds so much to the convenience of the staff and to the efficiency of the work. Our station has been glad to show its appreciation of the pioneer medical work done by Dr. Wells by dedicating this dispensary as a memorial to him. In a few days a large photo of Dr. Wells will be hung in the waiting room. Yesterday the new baby clinic was opened with 71 babies calling for attention the first day. Miss Ethel Butts is directing this new work but is not very strong after her very serious illness, and this but emphasizes our need for a nurse. Dr. and Mrs. Bercovitz are with us, he in the hospital, while she is looking after the Korean nurses and helping in the baby clinic.

You will be interested also in the fact that the Board of Officers of the Central Church have put up a memorial stone in memory of Dr. Graham Lee in the grounds of the church. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" said the Psalmist and certainly both Dr. Lee and Dr. Wells will be kept in remembrance for their work in Pyongyang.

November and December saw great gatherings in the new auditorium-gymnasium of the College when the Revival Meetings were carried on and when the Training Class was in session. Dr. Baird is writing a special account of the Revivals for a Station publicity letter. It was great to see the more than 5000 people in these gatherings, an inspiration to us all. The three Presbyteries united in the Bible Training Class and I am told there were between two and three thousand in attendance at the night meetings.

All phases of the work go on as usual. The Agricultural Department of the College has the promise of Government approval and plans are under way for a dairy in connection with it. Mr. Lutz and Mr. F.O. Clark were busy for two months with the special course for fifty men from all over Korea -- one from each Presbytery or Conference. We are still hoping for designation for our Girls' Academy. Join us in prayer that this may soon be granted. Miss Snook was quite sick with pneumonia but is better. She goes on furlough this summer and we are hoping for designation before she leaves. Dr. Clark is laid up with serious trouble with his eyes but we hope for speedy improvement. Dr. Baird has gone to Seoul for three months to work on Bible revision in the hope that this great task may be finished.

Another item of station news is the arrival in the Hamilton home of another daughter, Ruth Lucile, on the 7th -- so it looks as though the P.Y.F.S. will be needed for some years to come. Quite a number of the teachers and pupils of the school spent a part of the Christmas vacation in Peking, returning safely with the spoils in the shape of fur coats, brassware, silk garments, etc., having gleefully passed the Customs Inspector at Antung.

The community celebrated Christmas with the usual dinner and tree, a beautiful snow having come the day before, while New Year's Day brought us another snow-storm. We are having more snow than for a number of years.

As usual the station is helping in the work of other stations. Dr. Blair and Dr. McCune have attended the classes in Taiku and Chinju and in Andong and Chunju. Miss Butts helped Miss Ross in Kangkei and later goes to Chairyung for a month there. Mr. Kinsler is in Kangkei and later goes to Manchuria, while Miss Doriss has been visiting the scenes of her former work in Chungju and Fusan. Dr. and Mrs. Swallen are just as indefatigable as 30 years ago in their Evangelistic itineration while from all quarters comes news of large attendance upon Bible Classes.

Hingking, Kangkei, Chairyung, Taiku and Andong all call desperately for Evangelistic Women workers and we plead with you to try to find some who may feel the call to offer themselves to the Board for this work.

The Men's Bible Institute is in session with 170 in attendance, 80 of whom are young men from the country churches in the entering class. We do not seem to be losing our hold upon the young men! Incidentally, Mr. Kinsler needs \$500.00 for putting into operation plans for a larger work among the young people, a work which is already doing much, but which has almost unlimited opportunities. Miss Best, too, must have \$300.00 for her Women's Higher Bible School if she is not to run a deficit. Some one ought to find these two sums and send them out.

Keep us in mind, remember us in prayer, rejoice with us in our blessings, and keep up your interest.

In behalf of Pyongyang Station.

Samuel A. Moffett

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Pyongyang, Korea

January 17, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. W.F. Schell, D.D., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Schell:

I am writing you personally and not as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and I write thus because unofficially I have been trying to straighten out a misunderstanding between Andong Station and Dr. Bercovitz.

Andong Station has written you in respect to this, feeling that Mrs. Kennedy's gift to Dr. Bercovitz for "hospital equipment" should go to the Andong hospital and not follow Dr. Bercovitz to his new station. He, on the contrary, feels that since he consulted you and Dr. Ernest Hall on the subject he was doing the perfectly natural thing in using the gift for equipment for his work in the new station.

I had hoped we had reached a settlement of the question after Dr. B's explanations had been heard, but I have word from Andong that they have written you about the matter.

In all fairness I suppose Dr. B. should know of this but as we are trying to make conditions here such as will help him to carry on to advantage to the work and to himself I want to avoid the raising of any more contention between Andong Station and Dr. Bercovitz and so have said nothing to him about their writing to you and yet I feel that I ought to represent to you what he has said about it. I wrote Andong about his explanation in which he said that when he found he was to go to Pyongyang and not to Andong he consulted you and Dr. Hall as to what he should do with Mrs. Kennedy's gift for equipment for his work and that with your advice or approval or acquiescence (I am not sure which word is the right one to use) he brought the gift with him for use in his work here.

Mrs. Kennedy's secretary in writing to Andong Station about the gift of course wrote of it as intended for his use in Andong and so they feel that Dr. Bercovitz should turn it over to them there.

Having raised the question in New York he has felt warranted in using it for his own work, as it was given to him directly and not as an appropriation for the hospital through the Board.

This much I think must be said in fairness to him and so far as I can see all any of us want is a settlement according to facts.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) Samuel A. Moffett

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Pyongyang, Korea

February 11, 1931

Samuel Austin Moffett

Rev. C.B. McAfee, D.D., 156 Fifth Ave., New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

Your letter of January 3 regarding ante-dated furloughs is at hand and I want first of all to express our appreciation of the sympathetic and considerate way in which you have written. Very evidently I am at fault in not having written more explicitly our reasons for asking to ante-date these furloughs - - each one of which has its own distinctive circumstances. We interpret your letter as approving the ante-dating of the furloughs of Mrs. Sharrocks and Mr. Bruen and also of Miss Delmarter, although Mr. Genso has just written me that Miss Delmarter "does not plan to go at all this year."

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson also since we need not have asked to ante-date their furlough seeing that it is a regular one for 12 months and leeway in arranging sailing date would allow them to leave as desired, - we take it that their furlough comes under the regular rules. They plan to leave June 29th on a steamer which will enable them to attend the Christian Endeavor Convention in San Francisco in July. Mr. Anderson is Executive Secretary of the Christian Endeavor movement in Korea.

Now that leaves the furloughs of the Hills, Cooks, and Smiths as the only ones concerning which your letter calls for more detailed explanation.

First of all these are not requested to meet the convenience of the men but in the interest of the better oversight and care of the work. Our plan for the furloughs will take the men off the field for the three months of July, August, and September, instead of three months in Spring or the following Fall or Winter. The men can be spared during those three months with far less injury to the work - - since July and August and September are taken up with vacations, rainy season and meetings of various organizations. Little (if any) itineration or Bible Training Class work is carried on during those months - - the time which is not given to vacation being taken up with letter-writing, making up of accounts and preparation for teaching in Schools, Bible Institutes and Training Classes, and in attendance upon meetings of General Assembly, Federal Council, Presbyterian Council, Bible Committee, Christian Literature Society, and Institutional Boards, all of them important but all of which can be attended to without drawing off men from the teaching staffs of the institutions or from the itineration and Bible Class work of the hundreds of churches to be cared for.

Absences during July-September do not begin to make the problems for us, nor interfere with the carrying on of our most arduous work as do absences during the months of October to May, and our desire to ante-date these furloughs for from 2 to 3 months is in order to conserve their time for the more important months.

May I take up each case please, that you may consider each one on its merits.

For Mr. and Mrs. Hill we request a full 12 months furlough due regularly November 23, 1931, but to be ante-dated to July 1, 1931. This is not at the request of Mr. Hill but is a request from the Station that he consent to ante-date his furlough so as not to miss two years of the Bible Institute work (of which he is Principal) this ante-dating to be on the basis of an adjustment of furloughs which will postpone some and ante-date some to the ultimate advantage of the whole work.

Herewith our schedule of furloughs in Pyengyang Station for the next few years:

Dr. and Mrs. Blair. A proportional furlough due August 27, 1932 to be antedated to July 1, or 1 month 27 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. A regular 12 months furlough due August 27, 1932, which by the Board rules can begin July 1, 1932.

Dr. and Mrs. McCune. A proportional furlough, after five years, due May 9, 1933 to be antedated to May 1, or 9 days.

Mr. McMurtrie. Regular furlough due March 1932 postponed to March 1933, one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowry. Regular furlough due August 18, 1933, postponed to July 1, 1934, 10 months, 13 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz. Regular furlough due November 11, 1934, postponed to July 1, 1935, 7 months, 19 days.

Summarized as follows:

	<u>Antedated</u>	<u>Postponed</u>
Mr. and Mrs. Hill	4 months, 23 days	
Dr. and Mrs. Blair	1 month, 27 days	
Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton	as per rule	
Dr. and Mrs. McCune	9 days	
Mr. McMurtrie		1 year
Mr. and Mrs. Mowry		10 months, 13 days
Mr. and Mrs. Lutz		7 months, 19 days
Total:	7 months	2 years, 6 months, 2 days

This constitutes a net postponing of nearly 2 years and is consented to by these men in order to avoid injurious over-lapping of furloughs - - to arrange for 2 greatly desired proportional furloughs and to have the men off the field during summer rather than winter months where that is feasible.

I should have written this in detail in my former letter instead of just referring to it as an adjustment within the Station, clear to us but not to you. It seems to us that granting the antedating of the Hill furlough will be an advantage. It is not a favor to the Hills but to the Station work.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook. The request to ante-date their furlough, a 9 months one, by 1 month and 4 days is certainly justified by the fact that they come out from Manchuria (an arduous journey over rough roads) to attend the Annual meeting at Pyengyang in June and that they then, if they do not leave on furlough July 1st, will either have two more arduous journeys to

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Manchuria and return, for about a two weeks' stay there, or as Mr. Genso writes me, "The Cooks will have left their station and will just have to hang around somewhere for a month and four days." It will be better for this month and 4 days to go into the furlough and thus bring them back to the field in the Spring.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith. This is for a 6 months furlough due September 6, 1931, with request to ante-date 2 months and 6 days - during July and August than to wait until September 6th and then be off the field during two Spring months. Mrs. Smith has also presented a number of subsidiary reasons somewhat personal and I have asked her to write you concerning them. Some of these are:

1. If they accompany their two older boys through Europe as they return to America to enter College, they can secure family rates for travel - - no rebates however being given to children traveling alone.
2. If they can leave July 1st taking Albert, the youngest son, he will be able to enter High School at a more advantageous time of the year than if they leave later.
3. Mrs. Smith writes, "According to the Manual the Board does not engage to meet the expense of a return after the age of 16 except as a missionary. Albert would be over sixteen and still have his senior year of school which would mean he could not come back. We bore ALL expenses of his first two trips personally, so to date he has had but two trips on Board expense and is entitled to three more.
4. The medical study desired in Vienna is of itself not an adequate reason, but a month of study there while the older boys are seeing a little of Europe would enable the Doctor to brush up in some subjects and would give him added prestige when he returns, since some of the Korean doctors are returning here after having studied some in Europe.
5. Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith have been under a physician's oversight and advice for some time and it seems desirable that both of them should have opportunity to secure special treatment and examinations and this can be secured while studying there and yet not interfere with their travel to America with their boys. Psychological reasons cause us to desire very greatly that the Board allow this request and Mission and Station will appreciate this.

It does seem that we are asking for a large number of furloughs but each case to our minds has sufficient justification and is in the interest of the "steady continuance of the work". We think our plan secures this but certainly we do not "feel that we must insist" upon this if our reasons, which seem so conclusive to us, do not appeal to the Board as being adequate.

We are hoping this will reach you before the March meeting of the Board and that you can cable us by the middle of March. If we know by the middle of March whether these three furloughs (Hills, Cooks, Smiths) are granted there will still be time to make reservations.

With most cordial greetings,
Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

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Dear Friends:

We deeply appreciate the fellowship we have with you in prayer for revival, and wish to keep you informed as to how God is answering prayer here in Pyeng Yang and of our further desires and plans.

The church recognizes its need of a revival deep and sweeping and wholly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Revival Committee of the Pastors Association arranged for special meetings throughout the year and the spirit of prayer has increased and continues throughout our churches and schools. The interest has spread to many of the churches in the surrounding circuits and reports of real revival reach us from outlying districts.

In April 1930 a week's meeting, especially for the pastors and elders of all the twelve churches, was conducted by one of the missionaries. By request this was followed by another week of such meetings and was attended by the church officers and any other members. There was an earnest desire for a deepening of the spiritual life, and the prayers offered were almost all for heart cleansing, spiritual power, and for the conversion of sinners. Following these union, preparatory meetings there were subsequent meetings held in almost all the churches of the city with the same ends in view. Frequent prayers were offered both by the church and by the missionaries during the summer months and the people waited in expectation of a fuller blessing during the fall meetings.

The large revival meetings were held from October 16th to 23rd, all the twelve Presbyterian churches of the city uniting. Daybreak prayer meeting services were held, also Bible Study each morning, and preaching services each evening. No church building in the city could hold the large crowds in attendance. The new College Auditorium was well filled at the daybreak prayer service and in the evening the crowds could not all get into the building. Approximately five thousand people gathered in the Auditorium building each night and overflow meetings for children were held at the West Gate Church. During each day much personal work was done by the Christians in house to house visitation, distributing Christian tracts and urging their neighbors to become Christians. In this way many new ones were brought to hear the gospel preached. Rev. Cha Chai-Myung led all of the meetings, morning, noon and night. His messages were earnest and Scriptural and held the close attention of the people. It was a great sight to see the large Auditorium packed to capacity. When the preacher said that he himself had once been a worshiper of idols we heartily praised God that he could now present the claims of Christ to his own people.

A large choir, composed of some of the students of our Christian schools in Pyengyang, very efficiently led, sang some specially prepared Christian songs, and led the congregational singing. These songs so feelingly given did much to deepen the spiritual impressions made by the meetings.

At the close of each evening service very many gave in their names as desiring to become

Christians. More than eight hundred names were given in , which were sent to the twelve cooperating churches for follow-up work. At the close of each evening service the new believers were conducted to some near-by quiet room where they could be further taught. Some of the missionaries and Korean pastors were in charge of these groups and tried to lead them to know Christ as their personal Savior, to repent of sin, to pray, and to live good lives. Before the close of the meetings there were fourteen such classes held simultaneously. Much of the best work of the revival was no doubt done in these after meetings where the teachers met the inquirers intimately. Special literature was also given to help instruct these new ones how to become Christians. It was found that about three hundred of those who had given in their names continued to the end of the meetings and received the special book which was given them. Reports from the various city churches since show that about two hundred of those who gave in their names were then known to be in attendance at the churches. In addition to these some backslidden Christians have been restored. Since then it is reported that in many of the country districts revival meetings have been held with good results in renewing churches and increasing the number of the Christians.

The struggle for existence has become much more acute in Korea than formerly. Many who desire to be Christians find it hard to find the time to attend the services. This partially explains why some of those whose names were handed in have not yet been found in the churches. Prayer is needed that they may be led and helped to take up the cross and follow Christ.

We are very thankful for the blessings which God has already given. Much has happened to encourage faith and effort. Surely God answers prayer. But this is not yet the revival for which we have prayed. Doubtless it is like the showers which precede the promised rain. Let all who love the Lord's work here in Korea join with us in prayer that God would still further pour out the spirit of revival upon the whole church, cleansing lives, sweeping out sin, and bringing many more to Christ the Savior. A nation-wide, yes, a world-wide revival is certainly much needed today. With the present surrounding conditions of worldliness, materialism, scepticism, and wickedness, certainly revival should be on the program of every church. "Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Yours in His Service,

Pyongyang Station
[writer unnamed]

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SAMUEL A. MOFFETT
PRESBYTERIAN (USA) MISSION

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Pyongyang, Korea

February 28, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

"Jamie Boy", as your mother liked to call you - it is 26 years ago today since you arrived in this house and how I do wish you might be with us here. I keep wondering just what the near future has in store for us and just when we may get together again. It looks now as though Charles will get a year with us here before you do for I expect him to come out next summer to take McAfee McCune's [George McAfee McCune, son of Dr. George S. McCune] place as secretary to Dr. McCune and to me. It will mean a good deal of hard work for him and yet leave him a good deal of time for reading, study, athletics and travel. It ought to be a profitable year and certainly will be a most delightful one to us. I wish I had more news of you but will try to give you some news of us.

Things go on much as usual - Sam & Howard are great big boys doing fine work in school - Sam is a High School freshman now. Tommy is in first year learning things oh - so fast and becoming a big boy. Do you remember how he took to you - at the R.R. station in North Madison - the first time he ever saw you? The school is a great success - nearly 100 enrolled. Your classmate, Katharyn Blair, is one of the teachers and Logan whom you knew at Princeton has been teaching now for about 2 years. He seems to enjoy it.

Dr. McCune of course is a lively factor in all our station life & work. They live in the home Mr. Soltau built - just inside what you knew as Miss Best's gate quarters - back a distance - just behind the big chestnut tree which you will locate in the lower part of Miss Best's compound. So we are next door neighbors. He is just receiving from the Government [a] permit for an agricultural course in the College which will mean much.

I sent you photos of the new gymnasium/auditorium - the biggest auditorium in the country. It is playing a great part in life of the school and of the Church. Our churches continue to grow and our hands are full of work as always.

The corn products company of USA are putting up an immense plant across the river just below the R.R. bridge - \$5,000,000 to be invested, I am told. They will give employment to some 500 people while in the erection of the plant they have been employing a thousand or more. Word got out among the Koreans that a recommendation from me would give them a job - so this year I have had fully a thousand five hundred people apply to me - ten, fifteen, twenty a day came for months - now only about 3 to 5 a day - but I tell you they have kept me busy explaining that I have nothing to do with the company.

I never knew a time when so many people are looking for work. It is a world-wide situation and it has struck Korea also. Notwithstanding hard times, the Church prospers and there are many new believers.

The enclosed Station letter will give you some news. The other day I spent a good part of

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my time in Court - helping Miss Hayes who is being sued for ¥235⁰⁰ damages by a Japanese whose errand boy on a motor bike ran out of a cross street and smashed into her auto and broke his bike pretty badly. The Jap of course is trying to hold her responsible, which she was not.

[I] had a good letter from Uncle Tom - in Panama Canal zone where he is having a good time and investigating as to work among Indians. Word from [Uncle] Rob tells of Bruce & Sam in school and in the Boy Scouts. They have become Eagle Scouts. [Uncle] Howard writes of the financial depression. I guess all of us will be struck some - for a time, at least - and we may have to curtail our expenses some. This last year I saw so many good uses for money that I advanced a little too much and find myself pretty well straitened just now. [I] hope, however, to have income enough to catch up again in about 8 months, and at some time help you and Charles out some as may be needed.

Did you ever receive the Korean candy I sent you about Xmas time? Won Si made it and has asked several times if you received it.

[I] have wanted to write Eleanor but have no word as to her address. Mother has concluded to write anyhow and encloses this letter for her. Send it on to her, please. I am wondering much what she is doing this year - also as to what you expect to do this summer.

Remember me especially, please, to Dr. Erdman and to Dr. Zwemer. I wonder if you are seeing anything of the Koons' or the Phillips'. We are not sure what we shall do - but incline to go up the river. Will certainly do so if we can get one other family to go.

Many happy returns of the day - & lots of love to you,

Father

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Pyongyang, Korea

March (?), 1931

Lucia Fish Moffett

Dear Mary and Agnes [Fortin], [her very close friends in Oakland, CA]

You dear girls. What trumps you are - uneclesiastical though the expression may be. You tell me you know the parcel arrived and proceed with the news. But I was horrified just the same to think I had put the _____ things away in a dark, dark place to wait for the birthday intending to write when they came out - and then felt sure I had written. The pennants have not been presented yet. Their turn comes in a few days. The slippers are a joy and were the high spot of Sam Sr's celebration. [on his birthday, January 25th]

Now the records have come and we are all waiting for Apr[il] 7th [Sam Jr's birthday] to see what they are like. You have not only our thanks but the school's.

The man was going to charge ¥ 41 duty but when we refused to take them and pointed out that they could not be duplicated here and were for educational purpose only - the customs officer was very nice indeed about it and very reasonable. Have everything marked at factory or wholesale price. That is expected.

The big country class is just disbanding this noon. There have been 1100 women and girls registered and a great many more attending. Sunday they went to different churches but even so, there was not room for all of them.

Even yet we do not know whether Charles is coming out next summer or not. The children will be dreadfully disappointed if he doesn't and I hardly think he will let anything interfere.

All the smaller children had to take diphtheria serum yesterday. The disease hit a family of five small children, the baby only a few weeks old, the father in Seoul at the time and no foreign nurse in town. Our Presbyterian nurse married two years ago and we have had none since. The Methodist nurse has been ordered home on health leave. That makes things rather disorganized at the hospital and the graduate nurses very, very busy but a younger nurse did go to Mrs. Hamilton.

A swarm of infants is coming in after the morning session of school. It is a tuneful bunch for the High School gives Pinafore in two weeks and the melodies have percolated down to First Grade.

I wish we could hear your Chinese stars. Are these later ones as nice as the old ones used to be?

A thousand, thousand thank yous for all you do and all you are.

Affectionately,
Lucia

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Pyongyang, Korea

March 11, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., 156 Fifth Ave., New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

As we have heard nothing as to the prospects for the appointment of a nurse for the Hospital here, the first on our list of Preference for new workers, I am writing to ask for a special effort to find a nurse soon - - in view of the emergency which exists - - an emergency the more acute because of the ill health of Miss Ethel Butts, the nurse of the Methodist Mission in the Hospital.

Miss Butts has been quite ill off and on for a year or more and has now been ordered home by her physician - - leaving the Hospital without a foreign nurse (Miss Anderson formerly in the Nursing department has for a long time been engaged in laboratory work only.) Since Miss Reist's marriage to Mr. Baird our Mission has been without a nurse - - nearly two years now. Will you not please issue a special appeal for someone to fill this vacancy and to meet the emergency.

We have not kept up our quota of workers in this Union Hospital and in three months more Dr. Bigger goes on furlough.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

SAM:MM [McAfee McCune, son of Dr. George S. McCune, who returned to serve as secretary for a year to his father and to Dr. S.A. Moffett]]

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New York, New York

April 1, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett, Pyengyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I am having a rather active correspondence with Mr. Ralph O. Reiner and have been hoping for rather more definite word from Dr. McCune, to whom I wrote sometime ago. Mr. Reiner takes quite positive ground that he cannot accept the assignment of the Mission to continue to teach his subject in the Union Christian College unless he can remain in this country long enough to get his advanced degree. His reasons are familiar to you. The action of the Mission authorizes him to remain and the Board would acquiesce in this desire if Mr. Reiner could see any way of financing it. I do not feel that I can properly ask the Board to violate a principle which it has maintained for years by extending furlough allowances for two years for the sake of advanced study. It is enough to have the work disorganized by such a long absence though there are very essential reasons for that at times. Mr. Reiner wants the matter put before the Board for decision and there is no question in my mind about what the decision would be. He asks me whether I think he should send word to the Mission that he cannot agree to further work in the College at Pyengyang. He does not think it is wise for a missionary to devote his whole time to the Foreign School and thinks the Mission would reject it immediately. I am trying to make him feel that what he needs is not the degree but the training for it and that this year of intensive work has fitted him to teach his subject, the only demand for the degree being from the educational authorities who are not holding the College in suspicion for lack of it. He could teach for another term with his present preparation and come back to finish his work for his degree after another period of service.

My sympathy is with men who feel the pressure of educational authorities for these higher degrees. We are in a perfect panic regarding them here in America. A lot of us are trying to be patient under some very foolish requirements. My sympathy is entirely with Mr. Reiner at this point, but I think the conclusion which we have reached will be the only one which we can reach. I am very anxious that the Mission shall not feel that we disregard its action. We are wholly ready to acquiesce in it, sharing the regret which you would all feel at the loss of a worker for another year. It is the financial allowances which seem to make the complication.

Sincerely yours,

Cleland B. McAfee

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Pyongyang, Korea

April 10, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett
Harry A. Rhodes

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., L.L.D., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

The Executive Committee of the Chosen Mission wishes to call the attention of the Board again to Appendix Z (pp. 124-126, Minutes of Chosen Mission, 1930) on Recommendations of the Educational Conference, and earnestly requests a more favorable reply than was given in Board letter No. 768, page 12 under date of January 7, 1931. We make this request for the following reasons:

(1) We do not deem it wise to postpone further consideration of this matter until another Annual Meeting, then "face it again", come to the same conclusion, and wait more months before another answer comes from the Board. With three of the five years already past we do not feel that there is the "ample time" that you mention in your letter, to plan from the year 1933 for another period. At the Board's request (Board Letter 750) the Mission at the last Annual Meeting, went into the subject thoroughly, giving a full extra day to it. The Mission's policy to maintain the eight Mission academies has been arrived at again and again. The Board to our great relief acquiesced in this policy when it gave permission to raise the fifty thousand dollar fund. It was discussed at length by our missionaries on furlough with representatives of the Board in the Conference in New York, and there is nothing to indicate that the Mission's judgment is any different now or that it is likely to change. Any change would be an injury to the work.

(2) In your letter you refer to the Mission's "clear statement made when the five year subscriptions were sought, that this would take care of the troublous conditions". We wish to say that the statement was made as the best judgment of the Mission at the time. We had good reason to hope that the 'designation' of our academies would not be delayed as it has been. Although but two more schools have been designated (making three in all), we still believe that designation will be secured in time for the other schools if we maintain a sustained policy of seeking for designation. Furthermore, while the financial advantages of a designated school are not just what we at first expected they would be, still with the year 1931-32 we are beginning to decrease the annual grants to some of our schools. It is not surprising that we could not forecast accurately the economic conditions under which our schools must operate, or that we could not know for sure what the attitude of a new set of government officials would be. Nevertheless both in regard to the attitude of the government and in regard to finances our expectations in part have been fulfilled.

(3) The plan which we now propose looks forward to a more permanent solution and not merely for another five year period. An endowment of \$100,000 will provide an annual income of 10,000 yen a year as long as needed. This is half the amount now being received from the \$50,000 fund. For the other half we propose that the larger part of it will be discontinued gradually by reducing the Board's appropriation 1500 yen a year from 1933-34, and that this

decrease will be made up by increases from Korean sources. Our present experience in regard to our Syenchun schools leads us to believe that this plan will succeed in regard to other schools also. Unless an unforeseen crisis comes in the life of any school, the Mission intends to "insist" on a decreasing grant to designated schools as outlined in the plan.

(4) It has been our hope that when large bequests like the Harkness and Kennedy bequests are received by the Board that at least a part of these will be used to provide for such emergency needs as the Chosen Mission presents in regard to its academics. Surely this is a reasonable expectation. No Mission can know in advance the critical stages of its development. If the Lord raises up people who give in hundreds of thousands and millions, naturally we feel that some of the critical needs of the missions should be met at once. In the Chosen Mission, the situation regarding our academics has been our major problem for years and has occupied the attention of the Mission and the Board in many earnest conferences. If it is possible to provide the endowment fund requested from the above mentioned or other bequests, it will bring great relief. If this is not possible then we ask that the Board will cooperate with the Mission in raising it by special gifts as was done before.

(5) If we are to secure additional and enlarged cooperation on the part of the Korean Church, it is urgent that the Mission and the Board fix on a settled policy for the maintenance of our academics. Also from the government standpoint in granting designation, this is important. The program as outlined for the future is on the basis of Korean cooperation. In the midst of the present economic depression in Korea and considering the heroic giving of our Korean Christians to maintain all departments of the work of the Church, additional financial assistance will not be easily secured if the Koreans are left in doubt as to whether or not we intend to maintain the particular school in which they are interested. The Korean Church is interested in education; one-third of their total gifts of \$375,000 last year was for education. The encouraging cooperation of the Korean Church in the support of our Syenchun schools, resulting in designation, encourages us to believe that they will cooperate in other schools as they have begun to do in some.

These are some of the reasons why we urge the Board to give a favorable reply to our request as soon as possible and before next Annual Meeting; otherwise we will be embarrassed as to how to plan for the future both in our representations to the Korean Church and to the government.

May we emphasize the fact that to maintain our academics to date has cost many of our missionaries and many of our Korean Christians sacrificial living and giving. In some cases Korean teachers have voluntarily reduced their own salaries. Givers to the \$50,000 fund believed that the maintenance of these academics is a worthy cause in the interest of Christian education in Korea. At this time of writing the status of the Christian movement in this land is most encouraging. There is a large increase of interest and attendance in all our churches, Sunday Schools and Bible classes. It is too late and it would not be wise to embark on a policy of retrenchment.

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If the Board cannot give us (very soon) a favorable reply to our request, we suggest that as soon as possible, and not later than at the time of the Decennial Conference, the Board arrange another conference with missionaries from Korea on furlough, and go into the merits of the case again if the Board is not satisfied, and send us a cable before the close of our next Annual Meeting. We hope however that such a delay will not be necessary, but that the Executive Committee's explanations herewith will be a satisfactory answer to the questions you raise, and that you will be led to consider favorably our plan as outlined at last Annual Meeting with whatever modifications you may deem necessary. In conclusion we wish to emphasize that from the Mission's viewpoint, this "academy question" is regarded as a very critical stage in the development of our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Moffett
(signed) H.A. Rhodes

P.S. This reply has been prepared by Dr. Rhodes and myself for the Executive Committee and is sent with the hope and prayer that the Board may find it possible to continue to cooperate with us in maintaining these Academies. This policy of continuing to press for designation with the right to teach the Bible is a great testimony to the whole Church in Korea.

Pyongyang, Korea

April 22, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

At its March meeting the Executive Committee sent three recommendations to the Mission. The vote on the same is as follows, 87 [?] votes being required to pass:

V. 794. Our attention having been called to our error in making Executive Committee action I. 563 an "I Action", we now make it a V action, and recommend that we accede to the request of the Bible Society to appoint Rev. W.M. Baird, Jr. to Bible revision and that this be added to his assignment of work.

Affirmative 113; Negative 0; Not voting 2. Passed.
+ 15
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V. 795. Recommend that we request the Board to transfer their interests in the Chungju City Church and site to the Juridical Person of the Presbytery, if and when such a Juridical Person is formed; the Chungju Station to retain such parts of this site, including the dispensary, as they may desire to use for Station purposes.

Affirmative 111 Negative 0; Not voting 4 Passed.
+ 15
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V. 796. In view of receipts on the field sufficient for building the addition to the Chairyung Hospital, recommend that item No. 10 of the Mission's Preferred Property docket be changed to read "Chairyung Hospital Equipment ¥10,000.00".

Affirmative 112 Negative 0; Not voting 3 Passed.
+ 15
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V. 797. Request for six months leave of absence for Miss Olga C. Johnson of Chungju who has just received word of the death of her father leaving her 80 year old mother alone so that Miss Johnson feels that duty calls her to go to her mother for a while at least.

Affirmative 119; Negative 0; Not voting 11 Passed.

You will note that V. 795 is similar to the request for Andong Station as recommended by the Executive Committee in V.787 and upon which the Board commented in Board Letter #770. I am quite sure the Board will not be asked for "a long series of transfers" for the reason that there are only a very few Church sites which have been provided by the Board. I have asked for a report from each Station as to the number of church sites which are held by the Board and while I have not yet received reports from all I am quite sure I am quite safe in saying that Sinpin, Kangkei, Pyongyang, Syen Chun, and Chai Ryung have none; Seoul and Chungju have two each; Andong has one, and Taiku may have one or two. All other

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Church sites to the number of between 1500 and 2000 belong to the Korean Church, almost all of these having been provided by the Koreans without assistance.

The reason for the request to transfer these sites in Andong and Chungju to the Presbyteries is in order that the Presbyteries may be able to form a *Chaidan Hojin* [Juridical Person] for the holding of Church Property, thus preventing its alienation from the Church. These two Presbyteries have not as yet property of sufficient value to meet the requirements for a *Chaedan* and these transfers will enable them to meet the requirements. Had we had a *Chaedan* in Taiku owning the property there we would not have had the trouble and law suit of the last few years.

I have secured from Chungju the following information: The total area of the site is 1751.5 tsubo [62,248.31 square feet - or 1.43 acres] which cost a total of ¥ 5542.00. A building on the site cost ¥ 500.00. The Primary School Building cost the Board ¥ 3194.00, two-thirds of its cost, one third being provided by the Koreans. Also, one third of the cost of the Church building, ¥ 666.0 was provided by the Board. This makes a total of ¥ 4360 provided by the Board for buildings.

It is proposed to turn over to the Presbytery 1519 tsubo of land [53,985 square feet - or 1.24 acres] which cost the Board ¥ 4800.00 and retain for dispensary and book room use 238.5 tsubo [8476.29 square feet - or .2 acres] which cost ¥ 742.00 also to turn over the Board's share of the buildings, costing the Board ¥ 4360.00 and into which the Koreans put ¥ 2840.00.

There will be so very few cases of this kind and the desirability of having a *Chaedan* is so great that our judgment is that it will be better to transfer these two sites to the Korean Church as a gift. The other Church site in Chungju Station is at Cho-Chi-Won at the junction with the Main Line of the Railroad and it cost the Board ¥ 180 only.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

P.S. We have been deeply disappointed that Dr. Dodd reached us here so greatly tired that it proved impossible to carry out the plans for him to see the work in Korea. He has been in bed most of the time here. Dr. Bible has taken his place in the trip to Kangkei and Dr. Bible's visits to Seoul and Pyongyang have been greatly appreciated. Dr. Dodd is much better but we have not attempted to have him see the work and his whole program for Korea has been given up, but we have appreciated his genial presence and have tried to give him a real rest. He and Dr. Bible will be on the Pacific nearing America when this reaches you.

S.A.M.

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Pyongyang, Korea

April 30, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

Your letter of April 1st concerning Mr. Lucas is at hand with the enclosure of a copy of your letter to Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Lucas has been very eager to return to Korea and has carried on a prolonged and persistent correspondence with a number of our Mission in the hope that the Mission would ask for his appointment. Some of the Mission have been sympathetic, others have been strongly opposed and a good many have felt that he is not the one fitted to our need for a successor to Mr. McMurtrie.

The question has not come before the Mission officially and no one has seemed inclined to make a move requesting his appointment. A number who had business dealings with him when he was in Korea are very strongly opposed to him. No action has been taken on the field which calls for any move on the part of the Executive Committee or the Board. Your letter however calls for this explanation. So far as I know most if not all in the Mission have a personal friendship for Mr. Lucas and consider him a consecrated Christian man and regret that they do not see the way clear to ask for his return.

If we must take action on his request I am quite sure the action would be adverse. We have hoped that our non-action on his well-known desire and the absence of any encouragement from the Mission would lead him to quietly drop the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

(Quotation from letter to Rev. Clelend B. McAfee, D.D., Secretary of Foreign Board)

Now for a most perplexing subject – that of Statistics. You certainly are correct in saying there is a “hitch”. It is one which gives us no little concern. We are quite fully aware of the unsatisfactory situation as regards our statistics for several years past and we have been trying to ascertain the cause of what we have been convinced is their inaccuracy and also trying to find some remedy for the situation.

Our investigations lead us to several conclusions which in part account for the apparent great loss in Communicants.

We quite readily recognize the fact that there has been a considerable loss from the falling away of those who were too carelessly received into membership and those who have lost interest and become discouraged because of the very difficult economic condition they have had to face, but those so lost have not been in such numbers as to account for the very great loss shown in the reported statistics.

In the first place we find that the church rolls have been unwarrantably pruned so as to avoid the payment of the General Assembly and Presbytery assessments which are made on the basis of the number of Communicants reported. Consequently in the reports made by the individual churches while of course the dead, the suspended and those dismissed by letter are removed from the rolls we find that in addition to this all are dropped from the roll who are not able to pay the per capita assessment and all those who have moved away and not taken their letters of dismissal. Those thus dropped constitute a very large number.

Inquiry in Pyongyang City Churches elicited the fact that in the report of seven of the churches there is a discrepancy of 527 in the number reported and the actual number of those on the roll. One church showed a discrepancy of 170 while the pastor of one of the largest churches in Seoul says that while they have over 500 on the rolls they report but 120 to Presbytery and General Assembly.

From all directions comes the information that the tendency to consider the assessment as one made upon the individual church members and not upon the church as a whole has led to the cutting off from the roll of Communicants in full and regular standing of all those who do not pay the assessment. Correspondence with the Southern Presbyterian and Australian Presbyterian Missions reveals the fact that they too account for the falling off very largely because of the desire of the churches to escape this assessment. The economic conditions have been such as to make it exceedingly difficult for the churches to meet their pastor’s salary and all expenses so that they have taken advantage of any opportunity to reduce expenses.

Mr. Bull of the Southern Presbyterian Mission writes, giving as one of the causes of the great shrinkage in the number of Communicants, the “loss of church standing” and then explains: “Loss of church standing includes a large number of those who have not been disciplined and

whose names are still on the church rolls but who have lost their standing in the church because they have not only failed to pay the Presbytery and General Assembly dues but also fail to contribute to the pastor's salary or any of the church causes. While they still come to church they do not do so faithfully and do not in any way assume their responsibility in the work of the church. Last year's statistics of our Presbytery report 4403 Communicants and 1137 who had lost their church standing."

We have no way of showing that the proportion of those not reported is as great as that of the seven churches in Pyenyang cited above but if that proportion should hold good it would account for 20,300 Communicants connected with the churches of the Northern Presbyterian Mission or 27,400 Communicants of the churches of the whole Presbyterian Church in Korea. If the same proportion as reported by Mr. Bull holds good throughout all Presbyteries that would account for 22,700 Communicants not reported to General Assembly, Communicants who are not really lost to the church but who did not get into the reports.

This would certainly seem to indicate that a very large number of Communicants who by all recognized rules of statistics should have been reported are apparently not reported in the statistics of the Korean Church.

Another factor which affects the falling off in the rolls - - is the constant shifting of the population in the hope of bettering their economic condition. This involves the moving of thousands without taking letters of dismission or if letters are taken they are held pending a more permanent location.

This is particularly true in Manchuria and the Northern provinces of Korea where literally thousands have been moving about from place to place, sometimes almost the whole membership of a church being on the move seeking a new location. When last winter, Mr. Cook and Mr. Henderson visited the far off region of Manchuria between the Harbin-Vladivostock Railroad line and Siberia they found some 20 churches and a Christian constituency of over 4000 in a region never previously visited by a missionary. Many of these are not on the official roll of any church or not reported to General Assembly.

We believe there are thousands - - not lost to the church - - but lost from the rolls. One man, a regular attendant of the West Gate Church in Pyenyang for nine years, had not secured his letter of dismissal and was not on any roll.

The difficulty of keeping in touch with the constantly moving membership is indeed great but when you add to that the inefficiency of many of the Clerks of Sessions who have never been accustomed to keeping records or of making accurate reports that difficulty is still greater. There are 90 columns to be filled out and the confusion of mind of those who report makes it possible to see why there are many inaccuracies and omissions.

This is due in part also to the lack of oversight on the part of the pastors who at best are not as efficient or careful in securing accuracy as were the missionaries who formerly had the

oversight of reports from individual churches. When even missionaries often fail to realize the importance of statistics and consider them a nuisance it is not to be wondered at that Korean pastors and elders often have little patience with the reiterated requests for greater accuracy.

It is not easy to train a generation of pastors and elders to a sense of the importance of this phase of their responsibility and while this is not a reason for ceasing one's efforts to train the whole church properly along this line, yet it does in part furnish an explanation as to why since this responsibility with other powers and responsibilities has been turned over to the Korean Church and officers, there has been greater carelessness in keeping the records.

If the General Assembly printed the reports of the individual churches each year as the American General Assembly does, it would give us a chance to check up on the returns from year to year, but that would involve too great an expense, but without it, it is manifest that it is exceedingly difficult or impossible for the missionary force to secure replies from over 2000 churches however desirous it might be to have such reports in our hands.

We are cudgeling our brains to find some plan which we can get into operation to meet this most unsatisfactory situation which has developed. There is a larger attendance at our churches and at the Bible Training Classes. Our Sunday Schools have increased their attendance and the Church seems stronger than ever. We believe our statistics if accurately reported would show a far more marked increase in Communicants and we shall continue our efforts to devise some plan for arousing the church to a sense of its responsibility for securing fuller and more accurate reports.

If anyone has anything to suggest or anything in the way of criticism to offer which will in any way throw light on our problem or help us in securing a solution of the problem we shall most gratefully welcome such.

We desire to know the facts and we do not want to offer any unjustifiable explanations. We rejoice in what seems to be a marked growth on the part of the Church and we are perplexed over the apparent decrease as shown by the reported statistics.

We have appointed a Committee, Messrs. Pieters, Coen, and Hamilton, who with the Chairman of the Executive Committee are to continue investigation and to devise plans for securing greater interest in and cooperation of the Korean Church in trying to secure greater accuracy and clearness in the statistical reports.

Samuel A. Moffett

Pyongyang, Korea

May 6, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Dr. Speer: [Robert E. Speer]

I am sure the enclosed will interest you. We are getting some light and are seeking for more.

This is part of a letter I am mailing to Dr. McAfee. Please give us any suggestions which occur to you. One remark made by Dr. Blair the other day is I think worth recording. He said: "Well, there is one thing sure, the Communicants we report are bona fide Communicants."

With most cordial Christian greetings.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

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New York, New York

May 11, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett, Pyongyang, Korea

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I think perhaps I ought to send the enclosed letter separately to you - at least in semi-confidence. My heart goes out to Dr. Bercovitz. I think he did suffer a good deal at Andong though part of it might have been by his own fault.

His reference in the second paragraph to an expression of mine "in private" needs the explanation that I had unmistakable word from Mr. Welbon that he felt medical work in Andong was a mistake and that the hospital ought not to have been built. This was not a confidential expression at all, and the only way in which it occurred "in private" to Dr. Bercovitz was that I said it to him in conversation rather than in any public way. Of course you know that there are brethren who would feel that with the heavy educational program that is being carried on we must not load up too heavily with medical work, and that there is danger all the way through of institutionalizing our appeal so that the evangelistic contacts are reduced. I said nothing to Dr. Bercovitz which is not perfectly common property, and I hope you will realize that was the case.

I think the letter contains nothing that you do not know, but I am a little more comfortable in feeling that you have this letter in your own private files. Dr. Bercovitz properly writes to me without much reserve because he knows that I think highly of him, and he trusts me. You will see the letter is not marked "personal", so that I am betraying no friendship in putting it in your hands.

Sincerely,

Cleland B. McAfee

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New York, New York

June 10, 1931
(dictated June 9th)

Robert E. Speer

Rev. Samuel A. Moffett, D.D.
American Presbyterian Mission
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

My dear Dr. Moffett:

On returning from the General Assembly a few days ago, it was a pleasure to receive your note of May 6 with its enclosed quotation from your letter to Dr. McAfee with regard to statistics and the apparent loss in communicant members in the Korean Church. I was very glad indeed to read this statement and trust that the studies which you are making may throw light on this very perplexing problem. As you know, it is not new and therefore its causes must be sought further back, I should think, than the matter of General Assembly assessments. If you will look at page 561 of our Deputation Report of 1915 and Page 65 of our Deputation Report of 1926 you will find the figures showing the losses at those periods. With regard to the number reported, Dr. Blair's remark which you quote might be pertinent but in that case what would have to be said regarding the annual additions? The perplexity is that the net gain in membership in any given period is only a small fraction of the additions to the membership made during that period, and the loss is not explicable clearly on the basis of deaths. It must be due, as you indicate, either to migrations or to the dropping of names or to the falling away of communicants. The important thing is to discover how many there are in the last class and how such leakage can be avoided.

No doubt even where there is statistical loss, there is a diffusion of the Christian message. What one would like to have would be the diffusion without the loss.

We are just in the midst of the Annual Conference with the newly-appointed missionaries. It is not as large a company as in some past years but it is still two or three times as large as the body of reinforcements of any other Board. What the future holds for us no one can foresee, but I wish we could prepare for it by getting our missionary work more closely projected on the New Testament basis which would do away with all our financial subsidies.

We shall miss you sorely at the Lakeville Conference. Those of us who were at the Princeton Conference will be recalling that Conference every day and wishing for the presence of some of those who made the Princeton Conference so helpful.

We are just back from the General Assembly where there was an extraordinarily good attendance of missionaries from every field where our Church has work. The Assembly was as ever warmly responsive to the foreign missionary call. The popular meetings Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening were excellent and the addresses on Tuesday evening by Mr. Talib-ud-Din of India and Dr. Cheng Ching-yi of China were among the most impressive and most effective addresses of the whole Assembly.

The closing morning was given up almost entirely to foreign missions. The Standing

Committee on Foreign Missions, of which Dr. Wilbert W. White was Chairman, made a most excellent report and then Dr. Bible followed with a most admirable address reporting the impressions of his recent trip. Then Dr. Kelso took charge as Chairman of the Committee arranging for the Centennial Anniversary of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and the rest of the morning was given to addresses in this connection. Dr. W.C. Johnson and Talib-ud-Din spoke in behalf of the two first foreign missions in Africa and India, and Miss Sara Lowrie, a grand-daughter of Walter Lowrie, the first secretary of our present Board, made a beautiful speech quoting some of her grandfather's letters. Most of the Commissioners of the Assembly seemed to be well pleased with the meeting and with the emphasis throughout on the supremacy of our spiritual need and the adequacy of our spiritual resources. There were no special controversies. The only matter over which any strong division developed was the question of the continued relationship of our Church with the Federal Council. A deliverance of a committee of the Council for which the Council disavowed responsibility as a declaration of the mind of the Churches had created a good deal of dissatisfaction, as it set forth views on the subject of birth control that are not acceptable in our Church. The situation was cleared up in the minds of most of the Commissioners, however, and by a very large majority they voted to continue our relationship to the Council.

One cannot tell what the outcome of an Assembly meeting may be but he hopes and prays that it may have made some contribution to the clearer discernment of the central business of the Church and to our purpose of a fuller obedience.

We are looking forward now to the Decennial Conference of the Board and missions beginning on the 20th. Preceding that we shall have the conference with the newly-appointed missionaries which began last Sunday with a service in the Lafayette Avenue Church in Brooklyn. The number will not be as large as ten years ago but it is a good company and they seem to be well qualified reinforcements. One can never tell in advance, however. Four of the most promising new missionaries of a year ago have already given up the work and left the field. On the other hand, I have no doubt that some of those from whom less was expected will turn out to be the men and women who endure and who will render a long and fruitful service.

With warm regard -

Very cordially yours,

[unsigned, but from Robert E. Speer]

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New York, New York

June 18, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I am glad to have your letter of May 23 indicating that Dr. Cotton wrote too broadly about not having heard from Korea. A letter received this week says that he does not know who is handling his engagements there, and I have written him that I am sure it will either be yourself or someone whom you can direct, so that he can put your name in his circular letter as the one who can be addressed regarding his visit to Korea. I am very much pleased with his syllabus, though I am asking him to enlarge it, since what he sends is too laconic to be really effective. He is coming to the Lakeville Conference next week and will take an hour or two to give us the line of his argument so that he may receive suggestions from different fields regarding any enlargement or redirection of the argument. It would have been helpful to me if I could have had such suggestion.

I have just had from Mrs. Roy K. Smith of Chairyung a body of material for use in our publicity department. She feels rather grieved over the lack of publicity regarding Korea in recent publications, notably the *Presbyterian* magazine for February. I am reminding her that the magazine has been having a serious struggle lately and the editor has, wisely or not, tried to widen its appeal to the Church by limiting the amount of material sent directly from the Boards. He complains that a great deal that comes to him is not prepared in an interesting fashion, and we accept a great deal of the blame for that in our Publicity Department and will now try to correct this fault. The old monthly allocations of subjects have rather broken down of recent years though we hope to see them resumed. The new promotion plan according to zones has "queered" a good many things that were familiar to us a number of years ago. In spite of the impression which you receive in Korea, I think the Mission is getting a good deal of very good publicity here, and we hope that next year will increase the amount because Korea has been made the subject for collateral missionary study for our Presbyterian Churches. You will notice that in the Annual Report, almost double the space is given to Korea which is ordinarily allowable.

Mrs. Smith, however, speaks of the great difficulty she has in doing her publicity work because of lack of money. She indicates that there is no provision of any sort for it and that she has to consider even the use of postage and has no way of securing the funds for pictures or anything else of the kind. I wonder if it would not be possible for a small allowance to be made for her out of Mission funds, if the Mission feels that her work calls for it. My first inclination was to send her an individual check, but I fear she might resent this and it would put the matter on a rather wrong basis. I am sure you will do what seems best about it.

We are on the very eve of the Lakeville Conference. It opens on Saturday and before you receive this, will be over. We hope it will start a good many valuable and helpful currents. On Monday the Board took action authorizing the advance of 1200 yen for the supply of the water at Seoul, according to your recent action. I suppose this will come through to you from Mr.

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Carter's office in the usual fashion, through Mr. Genso. We considered whether we should simply consider this a very important matter and agree to appropriate the money as soon as it was available or appropriate at once, advancing it with the expectation that it would be a fixed charge against any available funds undesignated for Chosen property, such as will doubtless appear at the end of the year in undesignated legacy items. We decided on the latter course because of the urgency of the letters about it and the counsel of Chosen missionaries with whom we could talk here. The latter merely confirmed our judgment, which would have been exercised without the additional counsel. I hope this will be satisfactory to the Mission. It does lift a detail of Item No. 4 into an important place, but we hope to be able to cover the other items during the year.

Cordially,

Cleland B. McAfee

New York, New York

July 9, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett
Pyongyang, Chosen

Dear Dr. Moffett:

We have had lately a number of very baffling experiences with our Korean brethren who are here. I do not know how much I ought to trouble you with them but I had a long talk with Mr. Bruen a little while ago and he felt that I might take up some matters with you. Your list sent sometime ago has been very helpful to us and we are making constant use of it.

At Lakeville the Board was counseled to outline for the Missions some rather rigid requirements which we were assured they would welcome, determining more exactly the conditions on which our National brethren might come with expectation of aid from the Presbyterian Church. There was no suggestion that we try to control their coming except insofar as we might be responsible for them after they arrive. Mr. Bruen thinks that it would not be amiss that among these proposals was a requirement that the money for the return passage should be deposited with our Treasurer upon arrival in this country, to be held by him until an agreed time, which the Mission would set, which would terminate the course of the student here in America. As the matter now runs the brethren add course after course and go from place to place and at the end of the time in many instances have no money at all for return. If I could find one or two thousand dollars it would not be more than is needed to take our National brethren of several countries back to their homes. There seems to be no provision on their own part for it. I have a letter just now, for example, from Mr. Yun K Cheigh, explaining that he has \$150 available for return and needs \$300 more in order to go back to Korea where Dr. McCune very much desires him. Our Travel department tell me that it is very much more than they would suppose necessary for the trip and letters to several friends have brought a negative reply so that there is nothing in sight to get Mr. Cheigh back to Korea.

An even more troublesome case is that of Seung Lak Kim who is well known to you and bears an honorable name and record. He has had a most bewildering experience here. He had his year at Park College and two years at Princeton Seminary. Then he decided to go to Yale Divinity School to get a Ph.D. The teaching there was objectionable to him (which may well be put to his credit) but he decided not to stay for examination and so left with no credits at all. Then he went to the new Evangelical Seminary at Dallas, Texas, and at last accounts had made application to the Board of Christian Education for aid to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, in the hope of getting a Th.M. The Board has given him aid on several occasions, always providing for it by some special appeal because he is an ordained man and, under their rules, he cannot receive aid. He came here a graduate of the Union Christian College and of the Seminary at Pyongyang in 1927 and this means that he has been here four years. He would be glad to go back but has no money.

Mr. Kyung Ho Park has been here studying music for sometime. He wants to stay and do more of it still. We have no plan whatever for helping students of music even though they think they will go back and teach music in their own countries. The Board of Christian Education feels it cannot go any farther with him. Special funds are hard to get at this time and the rules of the Board make no provision for aid under such circumstances.

Meanwhile Mr. Minsoo Pai has just arrived in this country with a very cordial letter from Dr.

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Clark, to be followed by formal endorsement by the Mission, to enter the second year at Chicago. He writes me rather earnestly, enclosing Dr. Clark's letter and expressing the hope that we will very soon send him the appropriation of the Board of Christian Education since he has no money and does not know what to do. Of course, if he really has no money he will be embarrassed because the Board of Christian Education will make no grant until the fall - its total amount then being \$150, which the Seminary will match, making \$300 in all as the total amount which the Church is prepared to give. In one way and another many of these brethren pick up other amounts, but we cannot count on anything more than these two sums.

The sight of Rev. Im-Choon Kim at Lakeville brought to Mrs. McAfee and me some rather troublesome memories of the distressed way in which he used to come to our house, not knowing which way to turn, utterly without money and wondering what he would do. We made many plans to help him out until finally he received an appointment as the minister of the Korean Church in Chicago, which has taken care of him. He told me at Lakeville that he intends to stay in this country for another year studying somewhere else but I have no immediate line on him.

I am greatly concerned about what will happen to Mr. Pai and wonder a little that he was allowed to come with no money and no provision for his care. I assume, of course, that some provision is made for his return and that this also applies to Rev. Im-Choon Kim.

I hesitate to suggest conditions to the Mission because I know how careful you try to be and it would not be wise for us to seem arbitrary but I am very clear that we ought not to encourage these young men to come expecting to pick up money in the ways in which so many of them do pick it up by going to all kinds of people and appearing so utterly needy that only a heart of stone could resist them. I wonder if we might come to the point of saying that no student could be accepted under Presbyterian care for whom financial provision was not made before he arrived, such provision being limited entirely to that which we all know to be the regular allowance of the Church through the Board of Christian Education and the Seminaries. Could we not also set a definite time limit on their courses and could we not restrict the number to one or two a year? Possibly we could arrange for one to come a year, the Mission providing for his passage back and forth within its appropriations and the American Church making really adequate provision for the limited course of study which might be decided upon.

All these are mere feelers to encourage you to express your mind quite definitely. I am not suggesting official action by the Mission at all, but am much interested to get your own mind as fully as possible. We are anxious about it lest we may seem to fail these young men who look to the Presbyterian Church for help. I realize that you have rules and I have no doubt that you adhere to them very carefully.

The Lakeville Conference closed in fine spirit and we are now pushing the Findings into print so that they may come to the Missions as soon as possible. I am afraid my fears about Rev. Im-Choon Kim were justified but I hope he had a profitable and helpful experience at the Conference.

Heartily yours,
Cleland B. McAfee

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Pyongyang, Korea

July 9, 1931

Samuel Austin Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave., New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

I am sending you today by Parcel Post copies of the Personal Reports and the Station Reports as presented to the Annual Meeting of the Mission. Also with them is a copy of the Apportionment Committee Report. I trust these reach you safely for your files. As soon as Mr. Miller the Secretary sends me copies of the Minutes and of the Property Committee's Preferred Property Docket I will send to you so as to reach you before August 15th.

A most deplorable occurrence has transpired here the last few days. An uprising of young "hoodlums" or Bolsheviks in an attack upon Chinese all over Korea on the pretext that Chinese have been killing Koreans in Manchuria has resulted in a most horrible situation. The Chinese shops in many places have been destroyed, goods thrown into the streets, and the poor defenseless Chinese set upon anywhere by a gang of young men from the outside who killed men, women and children to the number of 40 or more, beat up some 200, many of whom will die, and caused all to flee for protection to the police offices or R.R. Stations.

In Seoul 4000 are in the Chinese Consulate General while here 5000 are in the grounds of the Government Hospital protected by soldiers. We are at a loss to understand the failure of the police to maintain order and to afford protection. What it all means we do not know.

We have not been molested, but for two nights were uncertain what the mobs roaming here and there burning Chinese houses might do. The Christians have taken an offering to help provide for the suffering Chinese. We fear for the Koreans in Manchuria.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Moffett

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New York, New York

September 4, 1931

Cleland B. McAree

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I am just back at my desk and we have had the first meeting of the Executive Council. The manuscript minutes of your annual meeting and your covering letter of July 21 are here but I have not yet called the Council to take definite action on details except in one or two items and I am in haste to report these to you because it seems important that you should know the situation here.

1. Regarding the Medical-Dental bills (p.49, section 7, manuscript minutes) I found the Council as eager as you would expect regarding the health of the mission force, feeling that the very first charge against available funds should be that item. You know, of course, what the condition is regarding any increased appropriations. We have counted in the last dollar we can see from any invested funds and gifts and it does not seem wise to attempt an increase of appropriation for this important purpose, but the Council urges that the Executive Committee make any adjustment in its funds from any other classes it can to care for the real medical needs of the missionary force. This would seem a transfer from some other expenditure to this essential item. Meanwhile it is to be assumed that in the next estimates this item will be raised to Yen 8,000, as the Mission has voted should be done, by some adjustment from other expenditures. Unless this adjustment occurs on the field before the estimates are sent in, the added Yen 3,000 would, of course, appear in Column D and then would be subject for consideration here as an additional item. I need hardly say that we cannot anticipate an increase of appropriations for next year though we all earnestly hope and labor for improved conditions. If the Mission in readjusting their estimates can increase this item the Board will be very glad to endorse it. We feel that it should be a first charge on available funds.

2. The second action is a little more complicated. It has to do with the Preferred Property List. You recall that item 10 lists an amount of Yen 28,000, fractional parts of items 14-17, 19, and a new item for the Pyongyang Girls' Academy.

The later items with these additions give these amounts in full. The Council felt that it was not wise to proceed on this basis because we cannot fairly continue to ask for these fractional amounts unless we mean to carry them to completion. You will recall that we already hold here in New York a balance of undrawn appropriations, most fractional amounts of funds not yet completed, of \$1,184,250 gold. This is a staggering amount to be held in New York. We are not willing to go on adding to this without some definite program which we can announce to the Church without the slightest hesitation. The Council did not feel that we had a right to proceed with so elaborate a building program for the Korea academies without definite authorization from the Board, in view of the action which was taken by the Foreign Department Committee and given to the Council as the judgment of the Board, as reported in Board Letter No 773 of May 20. The Board itself does not meet until September 21 and the property list must be published before that time. I was instructed, therefore, to lay the matter as clearly before the Board at that meeting as I can and, of course, as sympathetically as possible so that the Board may face the question whether it wishes to be committed to this extensive building program. We cannot ask people for Yen 5,000

this year on a building project to cost Yen 25,000 unless we mean to complete that fund. All of us realize that in a very definite degree we are already committed to a considerable part of this program. The Syenchun Girls' Academy has now a credit on our books of \$2,373.30 gold, some of which has been here since 1927. The Seoul Girls' Academy has a credit of \$5,997.75 gold, some of which goes back to 1925. The Taiku Girls' Academy has a credit of \$700 gold, received in 1927. For the Chairyung building we have a credit of \$25 gold received on the field. Whether the Board will feel that its action of May 18 involves any change in its commital even to this part of the program I cannot say, though it does not seem possible now to change it. You will notice, however, that the present Preferred Property List involves us in a program running anywhere from five to ten years and a total amount of Yen 180,193.55. This ought to be dealt with very squarely and definitely by the Board and I will try to see that it is done.

I fear the Board will not feel that the issue has been as clearly faced by the Mission as we had hoped would occur and I am exceedingly sorry that Board Letter No. 773 of May 20 did not reach you until the time of the meeting of the Mission so that it could not be independently considered, though I know how eager the Mission is to do everything that the Board may desire which can commend itself to the Mission's judgment. It seemed to us, therefore, wise in issuing the property list to put all these building items together, adding those in item 10 to each of the other items and giving those totals. This will mean that if anyone wishes to give one of these larger items the Board will welcome the gift joyously. We are not trying to settle what the Mission shall do. We are trying instead to determine what the Board in fairness to the Church and the whole work can commit itself to. The program is a very heavy one though it may not be one penny more than the work requires. The Council are not willing to be responsible, without definite action of the Board. I wish it had been possible for a little fuller consideration to have been given to the problem which we face here, but the Mission could not do that in view of the late arrival of the letter. I trust your covering letter will give us more information still.

I think it is probably fair to add that Dr. Bible, who is responsible for our Field Promotion here has made a very serious proposal that the Board soft-pedal its property appeals this year and magnify its appeals to individuals for current expenses. He believes that this is being so much done here in America for local projects that we will be on better ground if we adopt some such policy. This has not been proposed to the Board and may not meet its approval at all. It does, however, lead the Council to feel that we should proceed with wide open eyes on any such extended program covering five or six years as is involved in the plan discussed above.

3. The case of Mr. Herbert T. Owens will be taken up as soon as possible.

4. We have added Miss Dean's name to the list for furlough study and I have informed the Executive Council of the action of the Mission stiffening the rule about retirement (p.72, V.804).

Heartily yours,

Cleland B. McAfee

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Pyeng Yang, Korea

October 9, 1931

Thomas Fish Moffett
(youngest son of Samuel A. Moffett)

Dear Jamie,

We liked your nice letter. Uncle Azel [Lucia Fish Moffett's brother] says he had a nice visit with you and Eleanor. There is a gym going up on our corner nearest the school. Charles is very kind to me. I have lots of fun with him.

I am in second grade. There are four others in our class. Arithmetic and writing I like best. When are you coming here?

Lovingly,

Tom

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

PYENGYANG, KOREA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
KOREA MISSION
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
OCTOBER 15, 1931

SAMUEL AUSTIN MOFFETT

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing this in Tommy's letter to you. Be sure you acknowledge his letter. He is doing fine work on the typewriter and will be able by the time he is through the grades to become something of an expert at it.

Charles had a house-warming in his quarters (the guest house) last night and they all had a fine time. He is very comfortably housed. We are all enjoying Mary Jarvie Thompson, Lucia's grand niece who is with us for this year. She and Howard are freshmen in high school. Our beautiful October weather is on us and how fine it is!

Many are the inquiries about you. Tell me something of your new position, its duties and interests and also about your studies.

Dr. Bernheisel has been very sick indeed but is much better. He returned home from the hospital today.

The situation in Manchuria interests us greatly. It is very largely a duplication of what took place here 20-30 years ago. What the result will be no one knows.

Send us a few letters before Christmas! You will need to write soon after receiving this if you are to reach us by Christmas. Does Eleanor finish Biblical Seminary next Spring? How have you come out in your Greek? Was certainly glad to hear you were tackling it and making good. Remember me to Mr. Bennett please. He is a cousin of Mrs. Roberts. The Roberts' are in Princeton. See them if you can.

Love to you both from all of us.

We had a great time last Saturday celebrating Dr. Baird's 40 years of service in Korea.

Lois and Katharine [Blair] are both teaching here this year and seem to enjoy being at home.

Lovingly,
Father

Hope you see Uncle Tom now and then in New York and wish you might see Uncle Azel there or at Mahwah, New Jersey

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

New York, New York

October 26, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett, Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Moffett:

This letter pertains to only one matter, namely, the possible appointment of Rev. and Mrs. George Adams, son of Dr. James E. and brother of Ned and Ben. They are now applying for appointment and naturally want to come to Chosen. A Korean student in San Francisco Seminary says that George still speaks like a native and urges his appointment to Korea. There is still a small question regarding the medical check-up which affects both Mr. and Mrs. Adams and I cannot now be sure that the appointment would actually occur, but Dr. Dodd thinks it likely that this difficulty will be removed.

We are embarrassed in all considerations of it, however, by the personnel list from the Mission. Since the missionary appointments this year have to be limited to sixty, the quota that Chosen can properly have is three. That is an appalling situation when you need so many, but the retirement lists around the world are so large that we are not filling the vacancies in any field. Your first requisition is a nurse for Pyongyang and the Candidate Department are quite sure that they can supply that this year. You do not urge an ordained man until your eighth and ninth items. If we follow your personnel list, as we would naturally do, there is no use in considering George Adams. On the other hand, he seems so peculiarly fitted for your evangelistic work that I am not willing to turn him down both for this year and so far as we can see, for several years according to your present list without asking you to consider the matter and tell me whether the Mission would wish the force list changed.

This is only one of many instances which are impressing us here in the office of the decreased call for ordained men and the marked increase of requisitions for women workers. I have mentioned it in a recent Board letter but this is a notable instance. We would send you at least seven workers before you would come to an ordained man and in the first fifteen requisitions you have only three such requests.

I think we will have to face the question whether we want George Adams at all in Korea, for if we get him it must be by changing the force list and we would not want to do that here without the authority of the Mission. If I saw his appointment as a possibility in a year or two it would be different, but I really do not see it.

Please let me know at your earliest opportunity what we had better do. The printed Minutes are here and we are acting upon all their details at once.

Heartily yours,
Cleland B. McAfee

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Seoul, Korea

November 10, 1931

George H. Winn

Dear Friends:

As Chairman of the Mission one of my duties is to extend the greetings of the Mission to all of you who have been, at one time or another, on the field, and to all the children of the Mission who have left the field. Hereby we send such greetings and pray God's richest blessings upon all wherever life has led you.

We trust that, in no matter what occupation you may be engaged, your desire and purpose in life is for the glory of our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. May all of the new generation, you who are so rapidly growing up, first of all give your own selves to the Lord and His work. During these times of attack upon the Truth and of the dissemination of half-truths may we all be loyal to the pure Gospel of Christ. So much of infidelity is being taught that it behooves all of us to walk circumspectly. The Gospel is a Message of Life to a world dying in sin and darkness. Paul tells us (1 Cor. 15:3) that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried and raised again on the third day, and, according to the same Scriptures we believe that He is coming again and that the signs of the times point to a speedy consummation. May we none of us be ashamed at that Coming.

The year has gone by quickly, without any startling changes in the work. The number of accessions to the Presbyterian Church has been about 14,200 baptized but on the other hand there has been a considerable loss. We are not sure just where the trouble lies. Many have migrated to Manchuria and others are going to Japan. Much of the loss may be due to the failure of such to secure their church letters and the consequent dropping of their names. We surmise a far greater cause is the failure of churches to report full membership to avoid Presbytery tax which present economic conditions make it very difficult to raise. As far as we can see there is plenty of opportunity to preach the Gospel and there are those who listen. Though there is indifference in some quarters we believe God will honor the faithful presentation of His Word any time, any where.

During the year we have suffered the loss by death of three who have been connected with the Mission - Mrs. F.S. Miller [Susan Doty], who died very shortly after returning to the United States this spring; Mrs. DeCamp [Alice L. Giles], who with her husband had lived in Seoul and done a good work in this city; and Mrs. Bruen [Martha D. Scott]. The latter was taken after a month of great suffering following an operation. The many of you at home who knew what her life meant in Taiku Station life will, I am sure, particularly remember those who must carry on without her.

Personally I might mention the death of my own father in Japan. Though not a member of the Korean mission at any time yet he lived in Korea for several years, and had visited most of the Stations of the Mission in his work among the Japanese.

We are glad to welcome into our midst Miss [Daisy] Hendrix who is assigned to Andong, and we have extended the welcoming hand to Dr. [Harold T., M.D.] and Mrs. [Emma] Baugh,

assigned to the same Station. After an absence of several years, Miss [Marjorie] Hanson has been able to return and take up regular work in Syen Chun.

The [Edwin L.] Campbells of Syen Chun, the [Ralph O.] Reiners and [the Charles L.] Phillips of Pyengyang, the [O. Vaughan] Chamnesses of Taiku, Miss [Gerda] Bergman of Taiku, and the [E.Wade] Koons family of Seoul have all been welcomed back. A furlough seems to have done them all good. Among the benefits with which Mr. Koons has returned are a double chin and a D.D.

Among the visitors during the year have been Dr. Bible and Dr. Dodds, Miss Kittridge and Miss Moore, all of the Board. The two latter had their journey interrupted by the outbreak of hostilities in Manchuria and so had to return to Seoul in order to proceed to China by steamer.

We trust and pray that this trouble may be settled without further recourse to arms, but long ere you receive this you will doubtless know the outcome of the present issue.

The General Assembly of the Korean Church was held this year, for the first time, in the Diamond Mountains. Rev. Han Suk-Chin had erected a commodious Conference Building of cut stone at Onseiri, but unfortunately there remains a debt of some two to three thousand yen on it, and the plan to put up dormitories has had to be given up at present because the hard times that have fallen on the country have seriously affected the giving power of the Church. The purpose was to have a place in Korea something like Winona where retreats or meetings could be held. Possibly some of you who have had the benefit of such conference grounds in America would like to help with this indebtedness or in the erection of dormitories. We would be glad to forward any such gifts. The situation of the grounds is beautiful and easily accessible by railroad and auto. The site had been given by the Government some time ago. So long did it stand unused that they were feeling that it had better be recalled, and the fear of that was what led to the erection of the building before sufficient funds were in hand. The Methodists have erected a dormitory and their Educational Conference was held there this year.

I was a delegate to the Assembly and was accompanied by Mrs. Winn. We went into the Mountains by electric line from Chulwon. Going up the Valley of Myriad Cascades we climbed the highest peak, Pirobong, where the source of the River Han is to be found. From the top of that peak we had a wonderful view of valleys and mountain peaks below and of the Japan Sea and islands on beyond. Descending we went to Yu Chumsa, the site of the first Buddhist temple in Korea. I was especially interested to see among their treasures a Bible and a New Testament, the Gospel of John, and the Imitation of Christ. I could not but wonder whether Dr. Gale had placed one or all of these there, as his visit is still mentioned among the priests.

At General Assembly the new hymn book caused not a little stir for this book was published under authority of the Federal Council and not by the Church itself. Many unnecessary changes were made in the old wordings which they had come from long use to love (even though they might not have been the best of Korean to begin with), some hymns were dropped and new ones inserted, all of which did not seem to meet with unanimous approval. The new translation

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of the New Testament in modern Korean also came in for its quota of condemnation; it was rejected. The assembly also launched a three year evangelistic and revival campaign. The study of the Bible and revival of the Christians and of preaching to the heathen are to be emphasized. It is hoped to put an abbreviated gospel into every home in the land. Please pray for this campaign; it is to begin this fall.

Of special interest was the consecration service for the first woman missionary sent forth under the Women's Missionary Societies for work in Shantung, China. She is a product of the Seoul Girls' School.

Our return trip was along the new East Coast railroad. It seemed to us nearly as beautiful as the trip along the Inland Sea of Japan.

You may receive this a little early but we send our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and pray that God may bless and direct you all. Will you not unite with us in the prayer that God will prosper the work here to the end that Korea may soon come to know and love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Cordially yours in His Service,

George H. Winn

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyeongyang, Korea

November 26, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jim: [his oldest son]

A letter written on Thanksgiving Day to reach you about Christmas time seems to be the proper thing. We do not carry on a very vigorous correspondence but I trust we are in each other's thoughts and prayers more than in our epistolary activities. We are a big family here now - with Charles in the guest house, Mary [Jarvie] Thompson [Lucia Moffett's great niece from Oregon] and Mary Baird in "Charles' room" (Dr. Baird has been very sick for a month and so Mary is with us) and Charles has two guests for 10 days in the shape of two young newspaper men who are on the way round the world for a syndicate of newspapers. Nine at the table when all get here. We are a lively bunch.

"Jamie's room" is now the Library and a sort of store-room combined. In our lower compound towards the P[yeng] [Yang] F[oreign] S[chool] is a new brick building on which the roof is now being placed - which is the new gymnasium for the Foreign School. If you make enough money this year to warrant it you might send to Sam or Howard \$25⁰⁰ to help in building this gym - for the students are expected to raise ¥50 each to help pay for it.

We have had a good deal of sickness this year but our family has been very well indeed. Dr. Bernheisel was in hospital a month very sick for a while. Dr. Baird is still a very sick man though we now have great hopes for improvement and recovery. He has had typhoid and so also had Mr. Mowry, who is now well. A few days ago one of the boys in the Dorm came down with typhoid and one of the girls with scarlet fever. They are isolated and we hope we shall not have an epidemic.

This afternoon our family all go to the Blairs for Thanksgiving dinner with Blairs, McCunes, Bernheisels and a few guests. We killed two big geese for the occasion and still have two left for Tommy's amusement.

Wars and rumors of war are all around us and conditions in Manchuria are dreadfully hard on the Koreans there. Recently the churches here took up offerings of ¥1200 and 1000 pieces of clothing to send to the refugees. I never knew so many calls for money. Conditions here are, as all over the world, very depressing and this winter we shall need to help more people than ever before, even though the income from America is considerably short this year. I am glad that just in the nick of time both you and Charles receive an additional income, for we are at greater expense here and the income from investments at home is cut quite considerably.

Howard [his brother in Madison, Indiana] writes of having paid out something to you and charged to my account. That is O.K. Last year all the income from San Rafael property went to pay for street improvements but a few days ago I received a check for \$200⁰⁰ returns for this year. I am writing Uncle Howard to apply \$66.67 of that (your share) towards the amounts paid out for you, especially the Garage bill in Madison and the Book bill in Princeton, both of which you should have paid. Please do not let yourself get in the habit of not paying bills just as soon as due and never buy a thing until you see your way clear to pay for it.

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Wish you could see Sam and Howard - they are such big husky fellows as compared to a few years ago and both are doing so well in their studies. What has pleased and surprised me is that Howard has learned to play a musical instrument and was put into the school orchestra to play the clarinet. Charles is enjoying his work and the community life and seems to be pretty busy.

What about yourself? I wish I knew a little more about your work - your plans, etc. A letter from Dr. Roberts says he met you on the street but evidently he learned nothing about what you are doing. What are you studying? Are you expecting to graduate from Biblical Seminary? If so, when? What is your work at Fort Washington Church and is it for this year only? Will you receive enough to enable you to get a little ahead for use after graduation?

Tell me a lot about yourself. I am really hungry for some news of you. Do you ever see Uncle Tom? Can't you go over to Mahwah, New Jersey to see Uncle Azel? All of us unite in much love to you and Eleanor. She graduates next Spring, does she not?

Do you get a vote next year [in the] presidential election? By all means register somewhere so as to get in a vote for Hoover.

I am thankful for many many things. You have so much to be thankful for.

Captain Robert Dollar [of the Dollar Steamship Lines] was quite surprised and pleased to learn that you were to be assistant to pastor in New York. He knew you as a little boy.

Lovingly,

Father

What is your address?

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

December 1, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

The cable message from Mr. Genso will have given you the information of the death of Dr. William M. Baird, Sr. on November 28th. His death took place at seven a.m. after nearly a month's illness with typhoid fever and other complications.

Dr. Baird finished his forty years of service in Korea last February. Churches and schools, government officials and the Missionary community had just recently celebrated this anniversary showing in what esteem he was held, while the very large gathering of Christians and others in the College auditorium for the funeral service yesterday gave some indication of the great regret felt by all that his earthly life had come to a close. Some five thousand people filled the auditorium, the Governor of the Province and his wife and a representative of the people of the city coming in person to express their sympathy and to do honor to one who had done so much for this city and people.

Dr. Baird was a great missionary, a great scholar, a great educator, a great man and above all a great Christian. We shall feel his loss most keenly. His influence in and upon the Church in Korea was very great indeed and most helpful.

He had high ideals and most unswervingly stood for righteousness. He had a most implicit faith in God's Word and with deep conviction and great joy proclaimed the Gospel, in season and out of season, following his messages with fervent believing prayer, knowing from personal experience the grace of God without which there is no salvation.

He was nearly seventy years of age and would have retired next June although we were confidently expecting him to continue on at least until he should finish what was the crowning glory of his Missionary work, the translation of the Old Testament into Korean.

He and I had been most closely associated for fifty two years, having first met in the Preparatory Department of Hanover College. Through College and Seminary we were together, ordained together in 1888 and serving a year each in Home Mission work in Missouri. Then he spent a year in Colorado as President of a College, a fitting preparation for his great work as Founder and President of the Union Christian College and Academy [Soongsil] here in Pyongyang.

He reached Korea in February 1891 and our close friendship and association in the work here has continued these more than forty years.

Two of his sons are ordained missionaries in Korea following in their father's footsteps.

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Mrs. Baird will continue on the field. Much younger than Dr. Baird she has the prospect of many years of service in the Women's Higher Bible School, the Bible Institute and Training Classes in which she has been so signally blessed and for which she has had such adequate training.

I take it the Board will take whatever action is necessary for her continuance on the field as a regular member of the Mission and for the salary and allowance for her and their ten year old daughter, Mary Annna.

Dr. Baird did a great work. Would that we had many such men of like faith and devotion and ability.

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

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[Samuel Austin Moffett:Charles Hull Moffett]

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 3, 1931

John T. Faris

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*Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
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John T. Faris, D.D., Editor

Mr. Samuel H. Moffett
The American Presbyterian Mission
Pyeng Yang, Korea

Dear Mr. Moffett:

The receipt from you of a response to our questionnaire in *Forward* must not be passed by without a message of greeting. So many of these have come to us that we can respond to only a few. Your message is one of the few. When a boy in far-away Korea takes the trouble to send us a message of this kind I want to send him a word of greeting.

You were a little fellow when I was in Pyeng Yang, in 1920; but I hope that I am to have the opportunity of seeing you sometime now that you are growing to maturity and have ideas of your own. I would like to go to Pingyang once more; but I fear I shall not have the opportunity.

Hearty Christmas greetings to you and to all in your home!

Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

From the editor of *The Forward* in response to a questionnaire filled out by Samuel Hugh Moffett, a 15-year-old boy in Pyengyang, Korea.

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Heijo[Pyeng Yang], Korea

December 4, 1931

Thomas Fish Moffett

Dear Papa,

Pumokol Nisi died last Wednesday. The funeral is today.

They are fixing the quang [storage shed] roof. We found the keys in mama's drawer.

Mrs. Reiner is a little better. The gym roof is beginning to shine.

Lovingly,

Tom

[Postcard addressed: Rev. Edward Adams
Taiku
Chosen
for Dr. Moffett]

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

Pyongyang, Korea

December 12, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Dear Jim:

As usual we are all late in thinking about what to get each other for Christmas. These days we are all thinking of you and wishing we had sent off something some days ago. Perhaps something will be coming to you late but I am not sure - for none of us know what we can get here that you would want. Charles says Korean candy is always welcome so I expect a box of that will reach you sometime after the new year.

We are a great household now with Charles and Mary here also and the house is a pretty noisy one. I was in Taiku last week and received the enclosed card from Tommy. It will show you how well he is learning to use the type-writer.

Today is our first really cold day - very late this year but a snow and a hard freeze have made us realize winter is surely here now.

We have had letters from Lillian Ross and Dr. Roberts making mention of you. Also Mr. Kang says he has asked you to write about him. Am wondering what you think of the Seminary and also of your work. Allen Clark is in Princeton this year so I expect you will see him. George Adams has applied for appointment to Korea and we are asking for him.

You will be greatly surprised to hear of Dr. Baird's death. He was sick for about a month with typhoid fever and heart complications and was taken November 28th. How greatly we shall miss him and how much the whole church will miss his work. Mrs. Baird and Mary Anna will stay on. Mrs. B. is one of the finest and most useful workers on the field.

Financial conditions are beginning to tell out here and we have word of a probable cut in April. Supporters of the work at home have lost their money and cannot meet their pledges. Dr. Holdcroft finds practically all the support for the Sunday School work is cut off - the salary of one of the Korean professors in the Theological Seminary is cut off and payment of some of the support for the College and Academy is necessarily postponed. Our income is very decidedly cut off and we shall have very little if any income aside from our salary and allowance. That means we must curtail our expenses along all lines until better times set in.

Mother and Uncle Azel had sold the Telegraph Avenue property in Oakland - but the purchaser has failed to pay interest this year and the property is returned to us. This means no income from it - but also a payment for taxes and for street improvement which will take about all or more than the income from other investments. Watch your own finances pretty carefully and above all things be sure to contract no debts. Pay for everything as you go along and live within your income.

We are trying to think of something for Eleanor but there are so few things here which she can use. However, the love we have for both of you is not measured by the gift we may send.

We hope you have a fine Christmas - rejoicing in your work, your study and your vacation privileges. Send us word from time to time.

Lovingly,
Father

Be sure to gather up a lot of the Washington stamps of all kinds and send to us.

(from the Samuel Hugh Moffett collection of Samuel Austin Moffett papers)

New York, New York

December 12, 1931

Cleland B. McAfee

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I am really quite moved by the interest of the sons of the Korea Mission in returning to the land which they know and love. Two matters are just now before us on which I need your guidance. I should think they need not become matters for Executive Committee vote but that your inquiry will be quite adequate wherever you feel like making it.

Richard Pieters is taking his post-graduate work this year in mathematics expecting to get his degree of M.A. in June. He is, as you know, a Phi Beta Kappa man of Princeton. He would want to come back to Korea as a teacher in Pyongyang or Seoul and I am writing to ask whether we shall encourage him to expect an opportunity in one of these institutions. I may have opportunity to ask Dr. Avison here, but you will know about Union Christian College and perhaps you can learn also from Seoul, lest I may miss Dr. Avison.

The other, Charles Bernheisel, is having his senior year in Buena Vista College, and writes that he is trying to decide what line he shall follow in preparation for return to Korea. He has been considering the industrial line for which he feels especially fitted, because Mr. McMurtrie's work has always appealed to him. I know how eagerly you desire someone in Mr. McMurtrie's place when he retires. I am not sure whether you would feel that Charles is the one for it or not. He has not done well in his class work, but no one raises the least question about his consecration or his eager desire to find and do his Lord's will.

I write such a letter as this with hesitation because it is really hardly fair to a Mission to ask its judgment on young people who have been away from it for some time and whose development the Mission cannot know so well as the friends in America could know. Of course this would not apply to Richard Pieters, who was in Korea last year, and of course it often happens that the development of a boy after he leaves the field is very different from what it promised to be when he was at home. You know the situation in Korea so well that I think it would be quite satisfactory if you will give me a line of your personal judgment, reinforcing it by any inquiries you chose to make ut not going to the trouble now of a formal vote on either of these.

I have a note from Dr. Roberts this morning saying that Samuel Cho is coming in soon to see me. Dr. Roberts speaks with enthusiasm of Mr. Cho's excellent record at Princeton Seminary.

Heartily,

Cleland B. McAfee

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Pyongyang, Korea

December 17, 1931

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

This letter concerns reenforcements. As you know our first request is for a nurse. I have just heard of Miss Esther G. Johnson, nurse in the Babies Hospital, Broadway and 167th St., New York City, who seems to be just the one needed here. I have written to her to communicate with the Board and if the way is clear to apply for appointment. I have suggested that she call personally upon Dr. Hadley, the Candidate Secretary. She has met Miss Ella Sharrocks, and Mrs. Sharrocks and I hope she may meet Dr. Bigger also. Let us hope that she will prove to be the one the Lord is directing to fill the position here which has been vacant so long and which so urgently needs filling.

Our second request is for an Evangelistic Woman and I understand that Miss Davie and Miss Craig, for whose appointment we cabled last Annual Meeting, are now studying in the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo according to your suggestion and that they will be available for appointment next June. We need them desperately. The Executive Committee is recommending and doubtless the Mission will approve, that the third on the order of preference be Rev. George Adams. We hope the Board will be able to appoint him and his wife to come to the field next summer. We thus change the order of preference because we desire to secure Mr. Adams while it is possible. Even though this may postpone for another year the appointment of the second urgently needed Evangelistic Woman worker.

If at all possible for the Board to increase our quota this year we would urge that in addition to the Nurse, Evangelistic Woman, and Mr. and Mrs. Adams, one more Evangelistic Woman be sent this year.

Miss Kinsler of Taiku has been gone three years, the return of Miss Covington and Miss McCune is uncertain, Miss Switzer died, Miss Ross, Miss Dean, Miss Johnson, Miss Wambold, and Miss McKee are all on furlough so that our number of active evangelistic women workers on the Mission Field is reduced to one in Syen Chun, one in Chairyung, one in Taiku, one in Andong, and half the usual force in Seoul and Pyeng Yang.

If our usual quota is adhered to we shall not begin to have even the vacancies filled. We appreciate your difficulties and doubtless you appreciate ours. We certainly are in a predicament as concerns evangelistic women workers. Please do the very est possible for us.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

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Onseiri, Korea [Hot Springs]

December 19, 1931

S.Y. Yūn

[a postal card showing a Buddhist temple complex in the Diamond Mountains]

Dear Dr. Moffett,

It has been a great privilege to have you stay under our poor shelter. I hope you will come up here with more time and enjoy this wonderful nature.

A very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year to you and your work.

Yours surely sincerely,

S.Y. Yūn

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